

REMARKS

I. Office Action Summary

Claims 64-81 are pending. Claim 77 is the only independent claim. In the Office Action dated September 27, 2006, the Examiner withdrew the prior rejections and rejected all of the claims as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Baran - U.S. 5,964,223.

II. Interview Summary

The Examiner and the undersigned conducted a telephone interview on October 24, 2006. The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended in that interview. The propriety of the rejection of the pending claims over a parent application in this application's chain of priority was discussed. No agreement was reached and the Examiner asked for a written response.

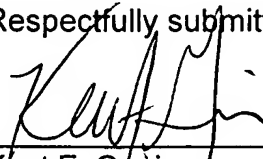
III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Applicant notes that the present application properly claims the benefit of the filing date of the Baran patent and thus, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 and MPEP 201.11, Baran is not prior art to the current claims. Accordingly, because all previous rejections have been overcome and the only pending rejection is based on a disqualified reference, Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance for the pending claims.

IV. Conclusion

With the above remarks, Applicant submits that claims 64-81 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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